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SUBJ: REQUEST TO GOP FOR CLARIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
SUBMITTED BY MINISTER OF FINANCE KISIEL

REF: STATE 0352

1. THIS TELEGRAM REVIEWS THE STATUS OF OUR APPROACHES TO THE POLISH GOVERNMENT FOR FURTHER ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN THE WAKE OF THE DATA GIVEN TO US BY MINISTER OF FINANCE KISIEL IN DECEMBER, 1977, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN REF.

2. ON FEBRUARY 17, THE CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE EMBASSY'S E/C COUNSELOR, CALLED ON FIRST VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE MARIAN KRZAK TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST. THE CHARGE NOTED THAT THE DATA PROVIDED BY MINISTER KISIEL WAS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR ANALYSIS OF THE POLISH ECONOMY AND A CLOSER ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, AS HAD BEEN AGREED BY MINISTER KISIEL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD FACILITATE US DECISIONS ON POLISH REQUESTS FOR CREDITS. HE STRESSED THAT THE US WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD ALL POLISH DATA RECEIVED IN COMPLETE  
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CONFIDENTIALITY AND OUTLINED THE MAIN POINTS OF INFORMATION THE US WISHES TO RECEIVE: DISAGGREGATED DATA ON POLISH TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES WITH NON-CEMA COUNTRIES, CLARIFICATION OF DEBT STATISTICS, DATA ON FOREIGN TRADE ACCOUNTS AND ON OBLIGATIONS DUE TO POLAND. THE CHARGE ALSO GAVE KRZAK A LIST OF ABOUT FIFTEEN QUESTIONS BASED ON PARAS 6-9 IN REF. A COPY OF THIS LIST IS BEING AIRPOUCHED

TO EUR/EE BOUTIN.

3. KRZAK'S REACTION WAS FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE. HE SAID HE WOULD CALL US IN ABOUT TEN DAYS AND INFORM US WHEN TALKS ON THE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED CAN TAKE PLACE AND WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THEM. HE ALSO MADE SOME COMMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE MADE BY MINISTER KISIEL DURING THE VISIT OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE KREPS IN DECEMBER, SUCH AS THAT GOLD AND HARD CURRENCY RESERVES ARE NOT AS IMPORTANT IN "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES AS IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, SINCE THE FORMER -- INCLUDING, OF COURSE, POLAND -- DO NOT HAVE TO DEFEND ACTIVELY THEIR CURRENCIES IN WORLD FINANCIAL MARKETS.

4. COMMENT - ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD FROM KRZAK, WE PLAN TO WAIT A FEW MORE DAYS BEFORE JOGGING HIM ON THIS SUBJECT. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS OUR INFORMATION REQUESTS WITH BANK HANDLOWY VICE PRESIDENT WOLOSZYN BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN OUT OF HIS OFFICE MUCH OF THE TIME DUE TO ILLNESS IN HIS FAMILY. WE SHALL TRY AGAIN THIS WEEK.

5. OVERALL, AND AS SUGGESTED IN REF, WE EXPECT OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE GOP ON THIS SUBJECT TO BE A PROLONGED AFFAIR INVOLVING A NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND EXCHANGES OF REQUESTS AND MEMORANDA WHICH WILL EXTEND OVER MOST OF THIS YEAR. WE THINK IT VERY IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP A GOOD MUTUAL CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONSHIP FOR OUR MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT AND THAT THE POLES CONTINUE TO BE ASSURED THAT ALL INFORMATION WE RECEIVE WILL REMAIN ONLY WITH US AND BE KEPT UNDER TIGHT, RESTRICTIVE CONTROL. END COMMENT.  
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